

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 660

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Tullahoma High School Wildcats football team on winning the 2021 TSSAA Division I, Class 4A State Football Championship.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, the Tullahoma High School Wildcats football team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2021 season, winning the coveted Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I, Class 4A State Football Championship; and

WHEREAS, state championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel with a cooperative spirit; the Wildcats exhibited each of these rare qualities during their championship season; and

WHEREAS, Tullahoma High School captured the school's first state football championship with a dramatic 21-14 double-overtime victory over two-time defending state champion Elizabethton High School in the BlueCross Bowl in Chattanooga at Finley Stadium on December 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the game was a nail-biter, with the teams tied at 7-7 until the first overtime, during which both teams scored; in double overtime, Tullahoma scored a touchdown, but as the Elizabethton Cyclones tried to do the same, their quarterback's pass was intercepted, and the Wildcats were officially crowned the victors; and

WHEREAS, playing with precision on offense and tenacity on defense, the Tullahoma Wildcats laid claim to the team's first state title in its 100-year history and ended the 2021 season with a perfect 15-0 record; and

WHEREAS, twenty-one senior starters helped lead the way to victory, with quarterback Ryan Scott being named Most Valuable Player of the 2021 Class 4A BlueCross Bowl; and

WHEREAS, the Tullahoma High School football team was guided by the leadership and unparalleled football expertise of Head Coach John Olive, who has been coaching the team for twenty-nine seasons; and

WHEREAS, the football players of Tullahoma High School epitomize all that is good in today's student athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the field while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; they inspired their fellow students and united the entire community during their triumphant run through the 2021 season; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship football season but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the football players of Tullahoma High School for serving as exemplars of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the players, coaching staff, team support staff, administrators, cheerleaders, and fans of the Tullahoma High School Wildcats football team on winning the 2021 TSSAA Division I, Class 4A State Football Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.